trified the villages in Aligarh district of UP;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only Tikri-Bhogapur village of Aligarh District has been left unelectrified so far;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Tikri-Bhogapur is likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The rural electrification schemes are formulated and implemented by the State Electricity Boards. Funds are provided both under State Plan and by the Rural Electrification Corporation. Out of 1769 villages (1971 census) in Aligarh District of Uttar Praesh, 1561 villages, had been electrified upto 31-1-87. Out of these 662 villages have been electrified under the schemes financed by Rural Electrification Corporation. All the remaining villages to be electrified are covered under REC sanctioned schemes.

(c) to (e) No village having the name of Tikri-Bhogapur is traceable. However, a village named Teekri Bhogapur with ceusus code No. 118 of Aligarh District has been electrified.

Abolition of Drug Equalisation Fund

333. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to abolish Drugs Equalisation Fund Account and in its place suggest for Revenue Linkage;

(b) if so, what is the total amount due from Drug Industry on this account upto 31st March, 1987 and by when the same is likely to be collected.

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to identified drugs for Revenue Linkage and which authority decides the list of drugs; and

(d) what would be the criteria for identification and by when the list would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The Government have decided to discontinue the system of retention and pooled pricing and to provide protection for indigenous production, wherever necessary, through the tariff mechanism.

(b) The total amount due to the Drug Price Equalisation Account has not been finalised. A provision would be made in the New Drug Price Order to ensure that amounts which have already accrued to the Drug Price Equalisation Account and those which are likely to accrue as a result of action in the past, are protected and used for the purpose stipulated in the existing Drugs (Prices Control) Order.

(c) and (d) The drugs to be covered by the proposed tariff mechanism would be identified in consultation with the Department of Revenue after the finalisation of the list of the price controlled drugs.

Duty Rationalisation of Inputs

334. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have announced their decision of Duty Rationalisation on inputs going into the production of bulk drugs and finished bulk drugs;

(b) if so, which authority would decide the list of inputs, raw materials and solvents going into the production of bulk drugs for Duty Rationalisation; and

(c) what would be the criteria and by when the list would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A number of drug intermediates have already been allowed concessional rate of customs duty to ensure that cumulative incidence of duty on the bulk drugs is higher than that on the inputs and drug intermediates. Further action to identify intermediates which are exclusively used in the production on bulk drugs and rationalisation of duty thereon is on in consultation with the Department of Revenue.

Prices of tyres and tubes

335. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the automotive tyre manufacturers have been increasing the prices of the tyres and tubes;

(b) if so, the reasosn for which Government have not taken any steps in this regard;

(c) whether it has also come to the notice of Government that the automotive tyre manufacturers are indulging in various malpractices in marketing tyres and tubes by confusing the public on the informative markings;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government have taken or propose to take against such automotive tyre manufacturers and for checking the rise in prices of tyres and tubes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The tyre manufacturers have not increased the net dealers price since May, 1986. However, there are allegations that the tyre manufacturer have formed a cartel and are indulging in malpractices which are bein looked into in the Monopolistic & Restrictive Trade Practices Commission.

As regards the informative markings, tyre manufacturers were already indicating certain details like the name of the manufacturer, the size, the direction of rotation etc. on the tyres. A dialogue was also held by the Government with the tyre industry on indication of certain additional details like the month/year of manufacture, maximum selling prices, load marking, minimum mileage guarantee etc. As certain important issues with regard to minimum mileage guarantee and load marking were raised a decision on these labellings has been deferred. It was however, decided that details with regard to month/year of manufacture and the maximum selling price should be indicated on automotive tyres. The manner in which the decisions with regard to these labellings should be implemented is being considered keeping the consumers' interest in view. The Government are having a dialogue both with the manufacturers and the consumers.